

Response and Amendment  
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## REMARKS

Claims 1 through 7 remain pending in this application and in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-7 were allowed and claims 8-15 were rejected. In order to place this application in condition for early allowance, applicants have cancelled the rejected claims.

## **CONCLUSION**

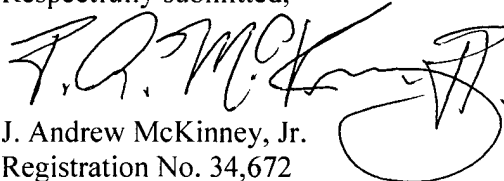
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is asked to consider entering this response and amendment and pass the application to allowance.

Further and favorable consideration is requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims or the additional of independent claims in excess of three) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 10-1213 and the undersigned is requested to be notified of any such charges.

Should the Examiner have any questions, he is requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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